COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0270-01 **Type**: Original

Subject: Medicaid; Insurance - Medical

Bill Summary: This proposal requires MO HealthNet managed care organizations to

allow eligible recipients to combine all available healthy behavior incentives toward the purchase of certain categories of infant and childcare

items.

State Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials from the **Department of Social Services**, **MO HealthNet Division** and **Division of Legal Services** and the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

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Fiscal Analysis (continued)

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Small retail businesses would be impacted as a result of this proposal if incentives are used to buy infant and childcare items in those establishments. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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